



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY GARRISON BENELUX
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAG Benelux Command Policy Letter 21, Motorcycle Driving

1. References:

- a. DoD Instruction 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, dtd 20 Jul 99
- b. AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, dtd 8 Jul 88
- c. AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, dtd 12 Mar 87
- d. USAREUR Reg 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, dtd 6 Jan 00

2. This policy letter supersedes policy letter 21, dated 30 September 2005.

3. PURPOSE: To outline requirements for operation of motorcycles inside USAG BENELUX AOR. Due to adverse weather conditions, the deadline to comply with this policy has been extended to 1 April 2006.

4. APPLICABILITY: All US military and civilian personnel and their family members operating a motorcycle inside USAG Benelux AOR.

5. POLICY:

The operation of a motorcycle on US Installations constitutes a conditional privilege extended by the commander, USAG BENELUX. Individuals desiring this privilege will meet the following conditions:

a. Possess, while operating a motorcycle, and produce upon demand of the Military Police or contract guards:

(1) Proof of valid registration (SHAPE, Belgian, Netherlands, German or appropriate registration).

(2) A valid Motorcycle Driver's License.

(3) Proof of valid insurance (i.e., Green Card) for privately owned vehicles.

(4) Must be in possession of an US Army approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course Certificate. This certificate must be dated within the last three years

b. The operator of any two wheeled motor vehicle will:

(1) Obey all applicable traffic rules and regulations to include registering motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds IAW host nation laws.

(2) Operate with headlights at all times.

(3) Ensure passengers wear protective helmets. US operators must wear helmets properly fastened under the chin and IAW standards set by the American National Standards Institute Z90-1 or the Economic Commission for Europe Norm 22-02.

(4) Ensure shatterproof eye protection is worn. Eye protection must meet the Vehicle Equipment Safety Commission Regulation, standard 8.

(5) Will not wear headphones.

(6) Ensure reflectorized vests are worn.

(7) Ensure protective clothing is worn (i.e. protective helmet, eye protection, boots, long sleeves, vest, etc).

(8) Make sure the motorcycle is equipped with all necessary safety equipment (turn-signal, horn, etc.) including two rear view mirrors.

6. Violators of the aforementioned policy are subject to criminal and/or administrative adverse action under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and/or federal civilian misconduct standards.

7. Those personnel who have already registered their motorcycle, across the BENELUX, and do not possess a valid Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course certificate, have until 1 April 2006 to attend the course or their license to operate on US Facilities in Europe will be revoked.

8. The proponent office for this action is the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), USAG BENELUX at DSN 361-5162.



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